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'Change' is something that comes suddenly. The scenery I've become so familiar to fades away before I know it. It really is saddening... I wonder how the Vampires, who have lived for thousands of years, have come to view that change as.

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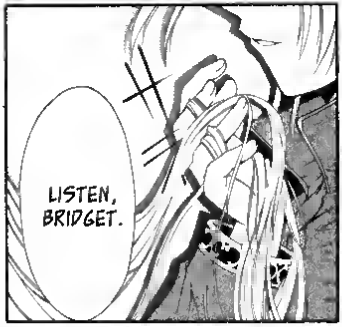
EVEN IN THE BEST OF WARS, THERE'LL ALWAYS BE CASUAL-TIES.


LISTEN, BRIDGET.

A NEW BATTLE WILL BE SPARKED.
REGARD-LESS OF FRIEND OR FOE, IF BLOOD IS SPILLED

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Love Lies Bleeding

THAT UNREMITTING VIGILANCE IS ESSENTIAL.
BUT THE EFFORT TO PREVENT A WAR.
WHAT A PERSON WHO'S PROTECTING SOMETHING NEEDS, IS NOT THE STRENGTH TO VICTOR A WAR
EVER-LASTING VIGI-LANCE
VIGI-LANCE
YOU'RE SO SLOW, STRAUSS.

IF YOU ELIMINATE THE HOSTILE PARTY, WON'T THE WARS END, TOO?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST UNIFY THE CONTINENT UNDER THE RULE OF THE NIGHT MONARCHY.

GIVEN FIVE YEARS, I BET WE COULD RAISE THE FLAG OF THE NIGHT MONARCHY THROUGHOUT THE LANDS.
IF IT'S YOU AND I, STRAUSS

EVEN IF WE CONTINUE WINNING BATTLES, LOSING SOMETHING IN THE PROCESS IS INEVITABLE.
IT WILL ONLY CAUSE MORE BLOODSHED.
OVER-CONTROL INVITES RESISTANCE.

THE MAN WHO DESIRES EVERYTHING WILL EVENTUALLY LOSE EVERYTHING TO HIS GREED.
WE MUSTN'T ASK FOR TOO MUCH.
AS LONG AS WE, VAMPIRES, CAN LIVE IN PEACE
THIS HUMBLE KINGDOM OF OURS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH.

...GEEZ
IN SPITE OF HAVING THE POWER OF A RULER SINCE BIRTH
YOU'RE A REAL FAMILY MAN, AREN'T YOU.
THE FAMILY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING
MY LITTLE LADY.
..UH
A DREAM ...

LATELY I'VE BEEN SEEING DREAMS OF THE PAST.
MY SENSES MUST BE DULLING.
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STRAUSS
I'VE BROUGHT YOU LUUNCH.
HUH.. YOU DON'T LOOK TOO WELL.
I JUST HAD A DREAM. DON'T WORRY.
AH?
ANYWAY, WHAT OF HIS EXCE-LLENCY?
HE'S STILL IN THE MANSION.
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LOOKS LIKE BRIDGET MIGHT PUT HIS EXCELLENCY IN CHECK TONIGHT
SHE'S SURE TO HAVE A PLAN
HE'S CALLING PEOPLE, GIVING ORDERS LEFT AND RIGHT, THOUGH
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LETY
HM?
I NEED A FAVOR FROM YOU.
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YOU CHANGED YOUR MASK AGAIN?
MM.
THE VAMPIRE KING BROKE YESTERDAY'S MASK.
MORE HEARTS ON THIS ONE
THAT ASIDE...
GRAND-FATHER
WHEN WILL THE STAR FALL'?
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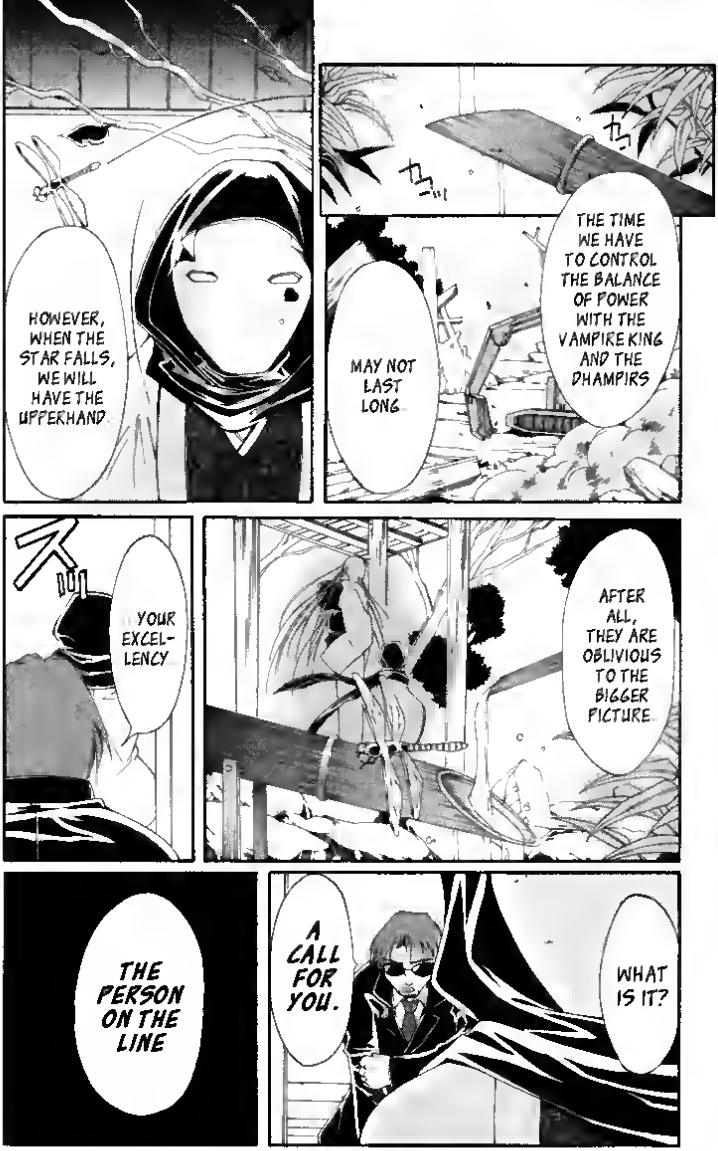
WITHIN THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS, WITHOUT FAIL.
SO SOON ...?
NO, EVEN THAT'S CONSI-DERED LATE.


HOWEVER, WHEN THE STAR FALLS, WE WILL HAVE THE UPPERHAND
MAY NOT LAST LONG
THE TIME WE HAVE TO CONTROL THE BALANCE OF POWER WITH THE VAMPIRE KING AND THE DHAMPIRS
...YOUR EXCEL-LENCY
AFTER ALL, THEY ARE OBLIVIOUS TO THE BIGGER PICTURE
THE PERSON ON THE LINE
A CALL FOR YOU.
WHAT IS IT?

SHE CALLS HERSELF BRIDGET IRVING FROST-HEART.

HEY

WHAT'S THE DEAL CALLING ME OUT TO A PLACE LIKE THIS
YOUR CURRENT CONDITION WILL BE A PROBLEM LATER.
THAT'S WHY I SET UP A GOOD CHANCE.
SETTLE THINGS WITH THE BLACK SWAN.
SAY WHAT?
!

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STRANGE PLACE YOU CALLED ME TO.
VERY WELL
JUST DOING YOU A FAVOR
WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE AROUND, EVEN WE CAN'T PULL ANY TRICKS
BUT FIRST-
AAH.
ALRIGHT THEN, LET'S DISCUSS FOR THE SAKE OF TOMOR-ROW

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HERE ON AKABARA'S ORDERS, EH?
EHE.. HEHE..
Hmph
HE'S ALWAYS HAD A WAY WITH LITTLE GIRLS.
MY APOLOGIES. I WAS CARELESS
DOESN'T MATTER
I WASN'T EXPECTING MUCH OF YOU, OTHER THAN KILLING AKABARA, ANYWAY.
Let Me Go!!

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ANYWAY, THERE'S NOTHING THAT'LL TROUBLE US IF AKABARA KNOWS
GUESS WE'LL LET HER TAG ALONG
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!
That said, you're still green!
Why yuuuu!
.....

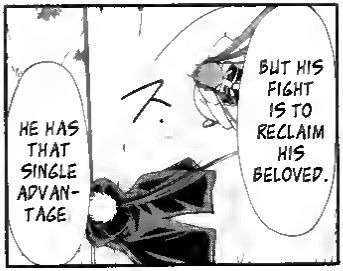
I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU.
WELL I HAVE.
I'M HOLDING A MESSAGE FROM THE PREVIOUS BLACK SWAN, KOMA-TSUBARA YUKI.
ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, SHE WISHED THAT HER SUCCESSOR WOULD RELATE IT TO YOU
HER MEMORIES

HERE ARE HER EXACT WORDS.
'I'M SORRY I COULD NOT GIVE MY REPLY.
TO ME, YOU WERE..
AS A NAUGHTY LITTLE BROTHER
I LOVED YOU.
EVEN IF I'M NOT AROUND, SMILE CHEERFULLY ONCE IN A WHILE'
-IS WHAT SHE SAID.
THE WAY YOU ARE NOW, CAN YOU SMILE?

EVEN IF I COULD SMILE
IT WON'T BRING YUKI BACK TO LIFE.
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME
I KNOW THAT MY CURRENT SELF IS WHAT YUKI DISLIKES THE MOST
THEN
WHAT SHOULD I HAVE DONE?

THE MOST PRECIOUS PERSON IN MY LIFE WAS MURDERED BY AKA-BARA
HAVING TO HUG THAT COLD BODY...
WHAT SHOULD I HAVE DONE!?
THESE FIFTY YEARS

DAMN IT...
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE TOLD THAT BY YUKI'S LOOK-ALIKE.
ISN'T THE MOST SINFUL ONE HERE AKABARA!
WHY DO YOU PROTECT AKABARA ...!?
WHY DO YOU BLAME ME...!?

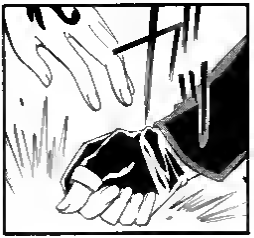

HE HAS THAT SINGLE ADVAN-TAGE
BUT HIS FIGHT IS TO RECLAIM HIS BELOVED.

INDEED. THE VAMPIRE KING'S SINS ARE GREAT
IN DUE TIME WE'LL HAVE TO ELIMI-NATE HIM

IT IS ALSO DESO-LATE
HOW-EVER, YOUR FIGHT IS NOT ONLY SEL-FISH.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING A PERSON BACK FROM THE DEAD

THEN I WON'T ALLOW AKABARA TO RE-CLAIM HIS LOVED ONE, EITHER.



THAT BASTARD AND HIS PRECIOUS ADELHEIT.
I'LL FUCKING WASTE THEM BOTH.

LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.

WITHDRAW ALL YOUR TROOPS BARRICADING THE COMMUNITY.
OHO....
I CAN'T ALLOW THAT.
YOUR KIND AREN'T AN OBEDIENT GROUP WHO WE CAN GIVE FREE RANGE WITHOUT A COLLAR.
SO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIX A COLLAR ON US, EH?
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IMPOS-SIBLE!!
THESE ARE THE DATA FILES OF ALL OUR FORCES!?
NOT JUST THE LOCATIONS, EVEN THE DETONATION CODES OF THE MISSILES ARE HERE
AND EVEN THE NUCLEAR FACILITY'S CONTROL PROGRAM ...!!
Grasp
Doyle
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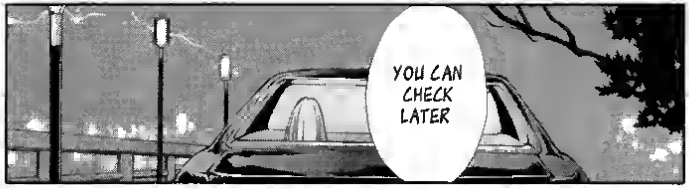
DDG - 68
NOT TO MENTION THERE AREN'T ANY ERRORS !!
WITH THEM HOLDING ALL THIS INFOR-MATION WE CAN'T EVEN WAGE A PROPER WAR . !!

OH, AND THAT'S NOT ALL.
EVERY LEADING NATION'S ELECTRIC AND COMMUNI-CATION GRID
BE IT WIRE OR WIRE-LESS
CAN BE SCRAMBLED AT MY SINGLE COMMAND
JUST LIKE THIS.

..MH ..!?
NO WAY!!


YOU CAN CHECK LATER

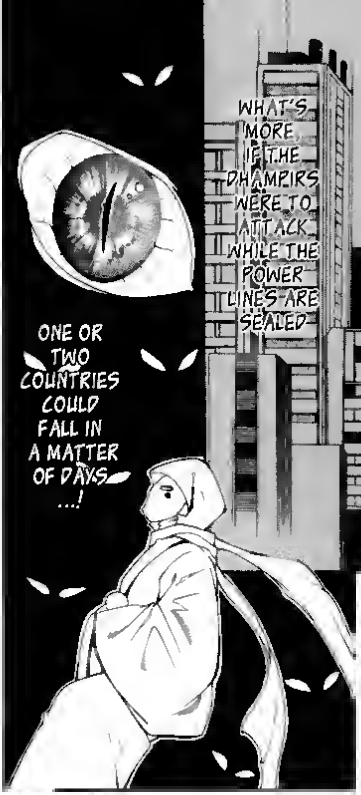
LONG YEARS OF TRAINING WAS NEEDED, BUT NOW WE CAN USE MAGIC AND SPIRIT POWER TO JAM THE SYSTEM

YOU HUMANS WHO HAVE LOST YOUR SPIRIT POWER ARE HELPLESS AGAINST IT.
.....

ALL OF JAPAN'S POWER AND COMMUNICATION LINES WERE DOWN FOR 17 SECONDS
YOU WON'T FIND THE CAUSE, THOUGH.

I'M SURE YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS.
LET ME WARN YOU THAT THE JAMMING CAN BE MAINTAINED FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS ON A GLOBAL LEVEL.
OVER A LONG PERIOD, ASTRONOMICAL LOSSES WILL EMERGE
ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY WILL COLLAPSE.
HAVING THE POWER AND TELECOM LINES IN THAT WIDE A RANGE DOWN DOESN'T JUST CONCERN US.
EVEN CITY-LEVEL CONTROL WOULD BE FUTILE.
IF THE TELECOM IS BLOCKED, NOT ONLY WILL MOBILIZING THE ARMY BE RENDERED IMPOSSIBLE

WOW ...!!
WITH THIS, HIS EXCELLENCY IS PARALYZED!


WHAT'S MORE, IF THE DHAMPIRS WERE TO ATTACK WHILE THE POWER LINES ARE SEALED
ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES COULD FALL IN A MATTER OF DAYS ...!

STRAUSS' PREDICTION HIT THE MARK
..BUT, NATURALLY

BUT GIVEN THREE MONTHS, BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY

OUR POWERS AREN'T LIMITLESS
IF WE WERE TO GO IN AN ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST THE HUMAN RACE, WE WOULD EVENTUALLY LOSE

IT'S NOT A BLUFF
WE CAN WHITTLE AWAY A THIRD OF THE WORLD'S POPU-ATION
NOT TO MENTION THIS WOMAN WOULDN'T HESTITATE FOR AN ALL-OUT WAR.
IF WE ATTACK THE DHAMPIRS RIGHT NOW, EVEN THOUGH WE'LL WIN IN THE END
THE DESTRUC-TION WOULD BE THE SAME AS IF WE HAD LOST
DON'T MESS WITH US.

WE'LL BOTH ONLY STAND TO LOSE.
IF YOU STAY PUT AND BE A GOOD BOY, WE WON'T DISTURB THE HUMAN WORLD.
GOT IT?
BUT AT LEAST ALLOW US TO KEEP THE VAMPIRE KING UNDER CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER SEVEN DAYS
IT'S NOT A BAD DEAL, I HOPE
WE'LL WITHDRAW OUR FORCES FROM THE COMMUNITY
FIRST, YOU WITH-DRAW YOUR TROOPS

WE'LL TALK AFTER THAT.
I'LL CONTACT YOU.
BUT... THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
WITH THIS AMOUNT OF POWER, WHY DON'T THE DHAMPIRS TRY TO CONTROL THE WORLD FROM THE SHADOWS, AT THE VERY LEAST?
AS FAR AS WE'VE RESEARCHED, THERE'S NO TRACE OF DHAMPIR INVOLVEMENT IN ANY WORLD AFFAIR...

EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL OF RULERS ARE SURE TO INVITE RESITANCE
WHICH WILL ONLY CAUSE MEANING-LESS BLOOD-SHED.

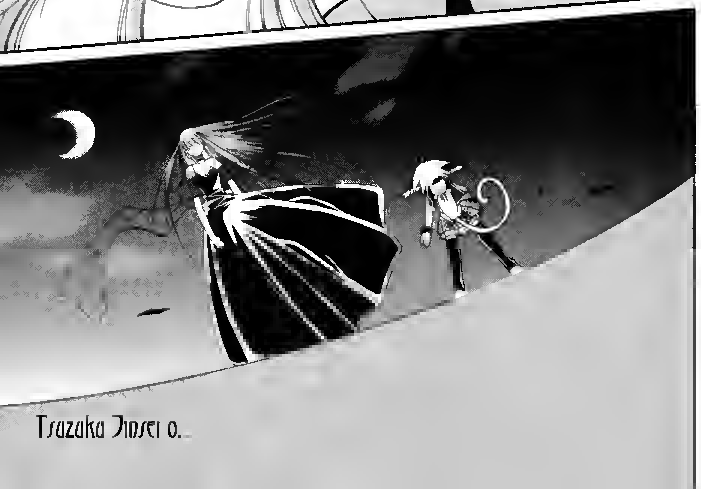
WE ONLY NEED SO MUCH LAND FOR US TO LIVE PEACEFULLY.
THERE'S NO POINT IN CONTROLLING THE WORLD AND IT'S HUMANS.

THE MAN WHO DESIRES EVERYTHING WILL EVENTUALLY LOSE EVERYTHING TO HIS GREED.
YOU SHOULD PRACTICE MODERATION, TOO.

HOW DARE THEY TREAT ME LIKE A LITTLE CHILD!
SUCH TALENT AND CHARM.
FIRST THE VAMPIRE KING, AND NOW LADY BRIDGET
THINGS DON'T SEEM TO BE GOING VERY WELL THERE
BRID-GET!

STRAUSS HAS A PROPOSAL FOR YOU...
GO BACK AND TELL HIM
THAT UNDER NO CIRCUM-STANCES WILL WE JOIN FORCES WITH HIM...
!
...IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD COME OVER TO OUR SIDE
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL PROBABLY STRAY TO THE DARK PATH WITH AKABARA.
...!
'HIS EXCEL-LENCY'S TRUE INTENTIONS BOTHERS ME...
LET'S HAVE A CEASEFIRE AND TRADE INFOR-MATION' OR SOME-THING LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
WHA..!
.....

SHUT UP!
YOU TELL ME WHO'S STRAYED!
THE ONES WHO BETRAYED STRAUSS AND TRIED TO MURDER HIM WERE YOU VAMPIRE-KIND!!
THE ONES WHO TOOK ADELHEIT -SAMA HOSTAGE WERE YOU GUYS!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH FIGHTING TO RESCUE A PERSON ONE LOVES!!
LOVE CON-QUERS ALL!!
AH...



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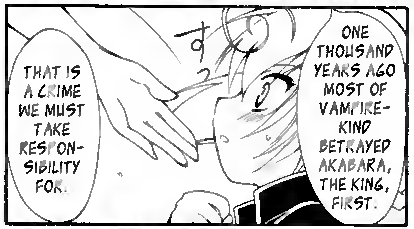
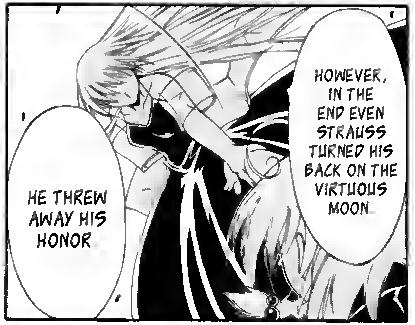

THAT IS A CRIME WE MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR.
ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO MOST OF VAMPIRE-KIND BETRAYED AKABARA, THE KING, FIRST.



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IN THE DISTANT PAST, THE VAMPIRE KING OF THE NIGHT MONARCHY WHO, DUE TO HIS OVERWHELMING STRENGTH WAS FEARED BY BOTH HUMANS AND VAMPIRES ALIKE, THIS FINALLY RESULTED WITH HIS BELOVED QUEEN BEING TAKEN HOSTAGE AND HE, HIMSELF, WAS ALOUT TO GET SENTENCED TO DEATH.
HOWEVER, AT THAT, THE QUEEN WENT HYSTERICAL AND LET THE DORMANT MAGIC RUN LOOSE, WHICH PLUNGED THE WORLD INTO THE FEAR OF DESTRUCTION.
AND ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE NARROWLY MANAGED TO SEAL THE QUEEN SOMEWHERE ON EARTH, THE KING, IN HIS RAGE, RAZED HIS KINGDOM AND ENGAGED HIMSELF IN AN UNENDING BATTLE FOR THE SEAL AGAINST HIS OWN KIN AS WELL AS HUMANKIND TO RESCUE HIS QUEEN.
THE LAST VAMPIRE KING, ROSEKED STRAUSS ALANDONED HIS KINGDOM AND HIS SUBJECTS AND WANDERS ON IN HIS VAGRANT SEARCH FOR THE SEAL WHICH HAS LASTED FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS, TO DATE.

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Beyond a Reasonable Doubt

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HIS BELOVED ADEL-HEIT!?
HAH! THAT'S A GOOD ONE.
STRAUSS NEVER LOVED ADELHEIT ONE BIT!

THERE'S NO WAY STRAUSS DOESN'T LOVE ADELHEIT!!
YOU'RE THE ONE SPOUTING NONSENSE HERE!
.....
YOU..

IF HE DIDN'T LOVE HER, WHY DID HE SURRENDER HIMSELF CALMLY, ALMOST GETTING HIMSELF KILLED AS A RESULT, A THOUSAND YEARS AGO!

WHAT OTHER REASON CAN THERE BE!?
HE EVEN MADE AN ENEMY OUT OF EVERYONE, ALL TO RELEASE HIS QUEEN FROM THE SEAL!

ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT THE STORIES PASSED DOWN
ARE ALL LIES!?

STRAUSS WAS EVEN FEARED BY HIS KIN AND NEARLY FACED DEATH.
ADELHEIT WAS TAKEN PRISONER.
STRAUSS CALMLY ACCEPTED HIS DEATH.

ON THE SURFACE.
.....
THERE'S NO LIE IN THE LEGEND.
!?

EVERY WORD OF IT IS TRUE.
AND AFTER THAT HE ABANDONED HIS KINGDOM AND HIS PEOPLE TO RELEASE THE SEAL
IF YOU LINK UP AND INTERPRET EVENTS AS THEY OCCURED, IT'S NATURAL THAT IT COMES OUT AS THE LEGEND GOES.
AT THE TIME, IT WAS BELIEVED THAT STRAUSS AND ADELHEIT WERE IN LOVE
NOBODY TRIED TO TELL A LIE
I WAS THE ONLY ONE IN A POSITION TO KNOW
AND WHAT MADE HIM, AS A KING, ABANDON ALL HE WAS MEANT TO PROTECT.
THE FACT THAT STRAUSS DIDN'T LOVE ADELHEIT
HOWEVER, ONLY I KNOW.

EVEN IF HE BREAKS THE SEAL AND REACHES HIS GOAL
STRAUSS' FIGHT IS FRUITLESS
STRAUSS' BYGONE STAR WILL NEVER RETURN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

APOLOGIES FOR INTERRUPTING
I OVERHEARD THAT THE VAMPIRE KING DOES NOT LOVE HIS QUEEN IS THIS TRUE?
...YOU HEARD RIGHT
AKABARA NEVER LOVED HIS QUEEN
IF HE STILL WISHES TO REVIVE THE QUEEN AND KEEP LIVING ON IN SPITE OF THAT
WE'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE, I'M SURE
OR IS THERE
A REASON THAT WOULD TROUBLE YOU IF IT WERE SO?
.....

FOR THE SOLE REASON THAT HE KILLED YOUR WOMAN, THERE SHOULD BE NO WAIVERING IN YOUR SPIRIT.
WHERE AKABARA'S THOUGHTS LIE IS OF NO CONCERN TO YOU.
YOU TOO...
...I CAME ACROSS A RIDICULOUS RUMOR...
!!
AND THAT THERE WAS A TIME THAT YOU WERE HIS LOVER. WELL?
THAT ONCE UPON A TIME, YOU WERE RAISED BY AKABARA AS IF HIS OWN DAUGHTER

WHAT GIVES?
WHAT ARE YOU KEEPING FROM US!?
IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS RAISED BY HIM.
AT THE AGE OF TEN, I WAS ADOPTED BY AKABARA.
AND UNTIL THE FALL OF THE NIGHT MONARCHY
I WAS BY HIS SIDE.
HOWEVER, I WAS NEVER, EVER, HIS LOVER.

TO HIM, I WAS ALWAYS HIS 'CUTE DAUGHTER' NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH ASK AKABARA.
KANA CAFE

THE BLACK MOON OF HATRED WITHIN HIM.
AND THEN YOU WILL SEE
YUKI
YUKI
THE VAMPIRE KING DOESN'T LOVE HIS QUEEN.
IT'S NOTHING IMPOR-TANT
AH.... NO..!
WHAT'S WRONG?

IF WHAT SHE SAYS IS TRUE
THEN OUR PLAN MAY VERY WELL GO HAYWIRE FROM HERE ON!..
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...IT LOOKS LIKE
WE'VE BEEN DONE IN PRETTY BAD BY BRID-GET.
SO
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ASK ME?
AH...

WE HEARD THAT YOU DON'T LOVE QUEEN ADELHEIT.
IS THIS TRUE?

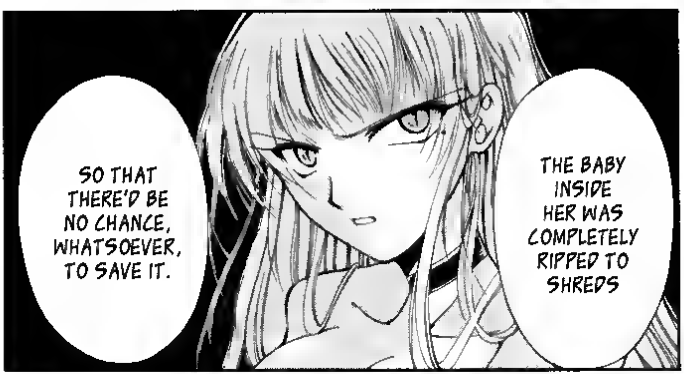
I LOST A SINGLE STAR.

WHEN I WAS STILL THE GENERAL OF THE NIGHT MONARCHY...
...BEFORE I TOOK TO THE THRONE

AN EIGHTEEN YEAR-OLD HUMAN GIRL
BY THE NAME OF STELLA.
IF SHE HAD LIVED FOR ANOTHER MONTH
SHE WOULD HAVE BORNE MY CHILD.
THE ONE I PUT EVERY-THING ON THE LINE TO LOVE
WAS NOT ADELHEIT.
BUT STELLA, ALONE.

STELLA?
A HUMAN GIRL
ONLY STELLA HAZELBERG.
THE ONE WHO AKABARA TRULY LOVED WAS AN EIGHTEEN YEAR-OLD CHILD.
AND IF ALL HAD GONE WELL, SHE WOULD HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TO AKABARA'S CHILD.
YES

AKA-BARA'S..
CHILD?
IF ALL HAD GONE WELL?
OI, WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
NEAR THE TIME OF DELIVERY, STELLA WAS MUR-DERED BY SOME-ONE.
--NO, TRUTH-FULLY, IT WASN'T JUST STELLA


THE BABY INSIDE HER WAS COMPLETELY RIPPED TO SHREDS
SO THAT THERE'D BE NO CHANCE, WHATSOEVER, TO SAVE IT.

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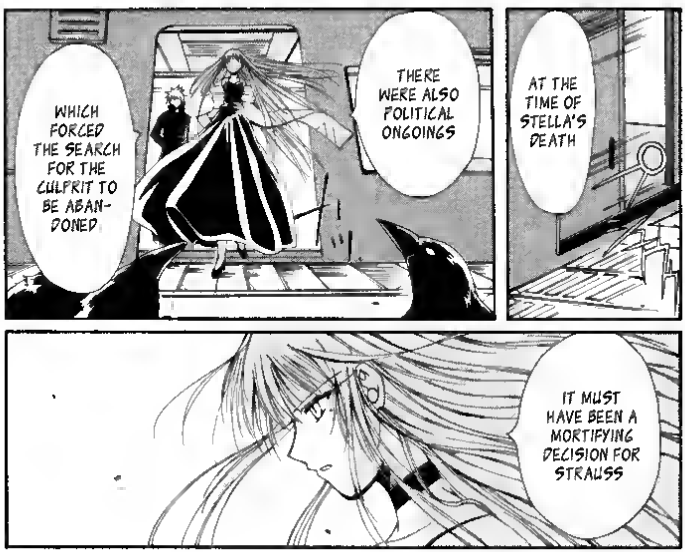
AH
THANKS
THE EGG'S ON THE HOUSE.
SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW AKABARA WHEN HE WAS KING.
WE, WHO NEVER LIVED THROUGH THE PAST, WOULDN'T KNOW THE TRUTH.
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYTHING MORE TO IT THAN WHAT WE WERE TOLD
IT'S A BIT UNSETTLING, DON'T YOU THINK?
RENKA ASIDE...
BRIDGET, TOO...

WHAT-EVER THE COLD TRUTH MAY BE
IS OF NO CONCERN TO US IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHAT OCCUR-RED A THOU-SAND YEARS AGO
CONTI-NUES TO TORMENT US UNTIL TODAY


THERE WERE ALSO POLITICAL ONGOINGS
WHICH FORCED THE SEARCH FOR THE CULPRIT TO BE ABAN-DONED
AT THE TIME OF STELLA'S DEATH
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A MORTIFYING DECISION FOR STRAUSS

FROM THAT DAY ON THERE WAS ALWAYS
AN EMPTINESS RESIDING IN HIS HEART
FIVE YEARS LATER
THEN TEN YEARS LATER, DUE TO A CERTAIN EVENT
AKABARA BECAME FEARED BY NOT ONLY THE OPPOSING HUMAN KINGDOMS, BUT EVEN HIS OWN KIND
FOLLOWING THE WISHES OF THOSE AROUND HIM, AKABARA MARRIED ADELHEIT
AND ASCENDED TO THE THRONE
HIS ASSASSINATION WAS PLOTTED BY THE NIGHT MONARCHY'S ELDERS

WHEN AKABARA
WAS TOLD THAT ADELHEIT WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE ELDERS
HE SURRENDERED HIMSELF CALMLY
TO BEGIN WITH, ALL HE HAD WAS EMPTINESS
SO HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE SURRENDERED HIMSELF ANYWAY, REGARDLESS OF ADELHEIT
HOWEVER, IT WAS THEN, OF ALL TIMES
THAT THE CULPRIT BEHIND STELLA'S MURDER WAS DISCOVERED.

MY STELLA, AND MY WOULD-BE CHILD
WERE MURDERED.
I FOUND OUT WHO THE KILLER WAS FIFTEEN YEARS LATER.
THE ONE WHO KILLED THEM
WAS ADELHEIT.
QUEEN ADELHEIT
THAT WOMAN MURDERED STELLA.

SHE LOVED STRAUSS SO MUCH
THAT SHE KILLED STELLA IN HER JEALOUSY.
WHEN AKABARA FOUND OUT
HE BECAME HELL-BENT ON VENGE-ANCE!
THE REA-SON WHY ADELHEIT LET HER MAGIC GO BERSERK WASN'T BECAUSE SHE WAS DISTRAUGHT AT STRAUSS' PREDICA-MENT
BUT BECAUSE SHE WAS TERRIFIED OF GETTING KILLED BY AKABARA!!

STRAUSS WANTS TO RELEASE THE SEAL ON THE QUEEN
SO HE CAN, WITH HIS OWN HANDS...
HE TOSSED ASIDE ALL HE WAS MEANT TO PROTECT
AND CHOSE TO HUNT FOR THE SEAL!
DON'T TELL ME...
THE REASON WHY STRAUSS WANTS TO RETRIEVE ADELHEIT-SAMA IS TO....
AND EVEN THOUGH ADELHEIT WAS SEALED UP AND PLACED BEYOND HIS REACH
AKABARA STILL SEEKS REVENGE!

AND RIP HER APART WITH HIS OWN HANDS!
STRAUSS IS AFTER THE SEAL SO THAT HE CAN DRAG ADELHEIT OUT
MILD SEVEN
Tsuzaka Jinsei-o...

THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

Story 11
I Will Fear No Evil

STRA-USS...
DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO ABANDON YOUR KINGDOM AND YOUR CITIZENS!?
ADELHEIT HAS BEEN SEALED!
THAT WOMAN'S MAGIC HAS CAUSED THE CONTINENT TO FALL INTO UTTER CHAOS.
EVEN THE NIGHT MONARCHY IS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE!!

Story 11
I Will Fear No Evil

IF YOU, THE KING, GATHER EVERYONE TOGETHER AGAIN, OUR KINGDOM CAN EASILY BE REBUILT
-BUT
THE CITIZENS ARE WITH YOU!!
AND YET...
ARE YOU GOING TO ABANDON EVERYTHING, JUST SO YOU CAN KILL ADELHEIT, WHO'S SEALED IN A PLACE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW!?
JUST SO YOU CAN HAVE REVENGE ON THE WOMAN WHO MURDERED STELLA!!
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE
I WON'T LET ANY-ONE STAND IN MY WAY INCLUDING YOU, BRIDGET

...THE HUMANS ARE AFTER YOU...
THEY WANT TO KILL YOU...
ABSO-LUTELY NOONE.
YOU WILL BE... ALONE, FOREVER
IF YOU ABANDON YOUR KINGDOM NOW, EVEN VAMPIRE-KIND WILL BE YOUR ENEMY
STELLA WAS...
EVERY-THING TO ME...
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YOU WILL HAVE NO FEACE.
.....
WHAT WILL YOU HAVE LEFT AFTER YOU GET YOUR REVENGE!!

EVEN YOU, BRIDGET.
EVER SINCE THE DAY SHE WAS KILLED, I HAD NOTHING
THERE IS NOTHING LEFT I HAVE TO PROTECT NOW, ANYWAY
...YOU
AREN'T STRAUSS...
MY STRAUSS WOULDN'T SAY SUCH THINGS
MY STRAUSS...
MY STRAUSS...

BETRAY ME!!
WOULD NOT
HE'D NEVER BE-TRAY ME!!
STRA-USS...
KUH ...!!

RECLAIM ADELHEIT
I WILL
TO KILL HER WITH THIS HAND

GA-HA..
WHOEVER STANDS IN MY WAY, BE IT HUMAN OR VAMPIRE, I'LL CRUSH THEM ALL
UH...
NO MATTER WHERE ON EARTH SHE'S SEALED, I WILL DRAG HER OUT
AND MAKE HER PAY FOR SNATCHING STELLA FROM ME
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GUU..
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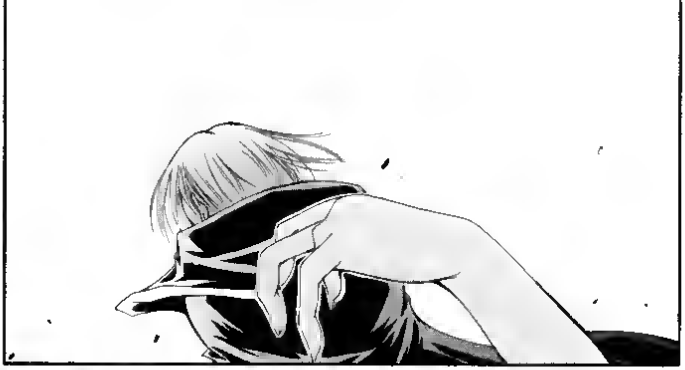

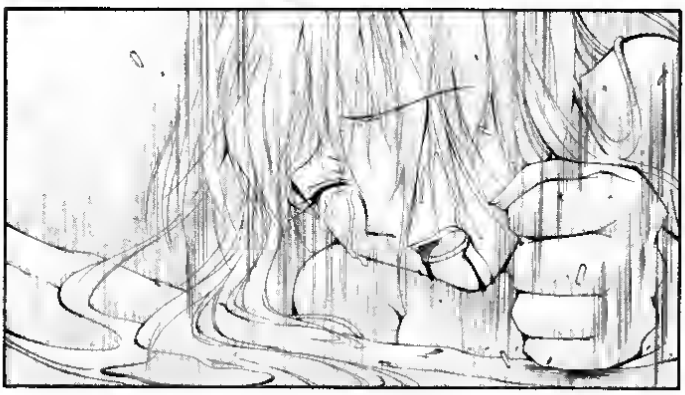

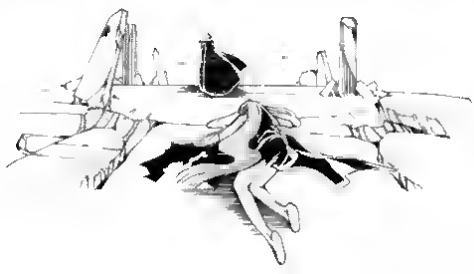

VAMPIRE KING, DID YOU
ABANDON YOUR KINGDOM AND YOUR RACE FOR EMPTY REVENGE?
WHATEVER MY GOAL IS, WHAT I DO DOES NOT CHANGE
I'LL FIND THE SEAL AND DESTROY IT
AND ELIMINATE ALL THOSE IN MY WAY
THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND I, EITHER
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WHA...
BLACK SWAN!?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING.
DIDN'T YOU SAY IT'D BE BAD FOR YOU IF I DIE?

ANSWER MY QUESTION.
MAYBE YOU'LL BE MORE COOPERATIVE
IF I GOUGE BOTH YOUR EYES OUT?
...HOW BORING.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN THREATEN ME WITH THAT
YOU'RE JUST A MEEK, LITTLE GIRL.
LOOKS LIKE IT'S A PROBLEM FOR YOU IF MY MOTIVE IS REVENGE.
I CAN'T... ALLOW YOU TO KILL THE QUEEN.

I SEE... THEN THAT WORKS TO MY ADVANTAGE
...I'LL BE RESTING IN MY ROOM
JUST WHO HAS THE MOON'S GRACE, I WONDER...

IF THINGS KEEP GOING LIKE THIS
OUR PLANS MAY ALL FALL TO RUINS
THIS WILL NOT DO...
SO AKABARA'S AIM IS NOTHING BUT REVENGE
WHY DID YOU HIDE THAT FACT FROM EVERYONE?

EVEN AT THE TIME, THE ONLY ONES WHO KNEW THE TRUTH
WERE THE THREE OF US - AKABARA, ADELHEIT AND MYSELF.
THERE WASN'T ANY CHOICE.
AND BEFORE I COULD REVEAL THE TRUTH, THEY RELATED A DIFFERENT STORY, WHICH CAME TO BE THE ESTABLISHED FACT
EVERYONE ELSE BELIEVED THE KING AND QUEEN WERE IN LOVE
WHATEVER HIS GOAL MAY BE, IF WHAT HE DOES IS THE SAME, IT'S PROBABLY BEST IF I KEEP THIS HIDDEN IN MY HEART.
INFORMATION THAT CONTRADICTS WHAT'S WIDELY BELIEVED WOULD ONLY CAUSE CONFUSION AND ENDANGER THE COMMUNITY
EVEN THOUGH IT'S THE TRUTH

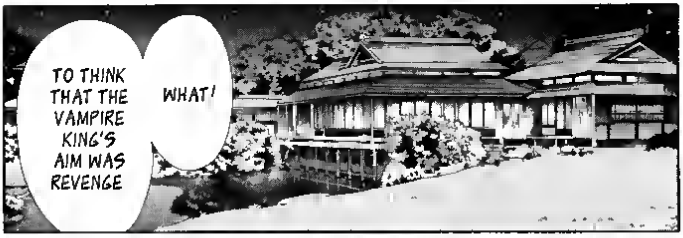
YEAH.
THE ENCHANTING TALE OF RESCUING AN EMPRISONED QUEEN ONLY TURNED INTO A STORY OF BLOODY REVENGE
THERE'S NO CHANGE IN MY REASON TO WASTE THE BASTARD.
LIKE HELL IT WOULD, ANYWAY.
IT JUST SHOWS THAT THE GUY'S ROTTEN TO THE CORE.
SHOULD YOU REALLY BE SAYING THAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
CAN'T YOU SEE?

AKABARA'S JUST LIKE YOU, RENKA.
FOR AKABARA, IT'S STELLA FOR YOU, IT'S KOMATSUBARA YUKI
BOTH OF YOU ARE BEING TORMENTED BY THE AGONY OF LOSING A WOMAN WHO'LL NEVER RETURN.
IT'S AS IF YOU'RE A MIRROR IMAGE OF AKABARA
……!

WHAT YOU'RE CHASING IS A REFLECTION OF YOURSELF
IF YOU SAY AKABARA IS A SCOUNDREL, YOU ARE, TOO
IF YOU THINK IT'S ALRIGHT TO ABANDON YOUR COMPANIONS FOR THE SAKE OF REVENGE
THAT MAKES YOU AS EQUALLY SINFUL AS AKABARA
...WHAT THE HELL!
SUCH FOOLISHNESS
HOW TRUE.
LEGENDS ARE ALL FULL OF FOOLISHNESS
IF YOU JUST REALIZED THAT NOW, YOU'RE THE BIGGER FOOL

DON'T GO AND ATTACK AKABARA ON YOUR OWN.
IF WE MIX UP THE PROCEDURE, OUR COMPANIONS IN THE COMMUNITY MIGHT GET KILLED BY THOSE HUMANS.
OBEY MY ORDERS.
CLOSE
KAWAGAR

WHAT THE HELL..
IS UP WITH THAT...


WHAT!
TO THINK THAT THE VAMPIRE KING'S AIM WAS REVENGE

I FEEL THAT NOW THAT THAT'S THE CASE
WE'LL NEED TO GAIN THE DHAMPIRS' FULL SUPPORT TO RESTRAIN THE KING.

THIS IS BAD
YES WE MUST THINK UP A PLAN.

HM.
HOWEVER, IT'S NOT AN EASY TASK TO CONTROL LADY BRIDGET
DON'T YOU THINK WE MIGHT END UP BECOMING HER LAPDOG, INSTEAD?
THAT'S POSSIBLE.
HOWEVER, THIS IS A SITUATION WHERE WE CAN'T SURRENDER TO FEAR
THAT CHILD WAS BETRAYED BY AKABARA, TOO, IT SEEMS.
POOR CHILD.

SO WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?
THERE ISN'T ANY NEED FOR YOU TO ACCOMPANY HIM IN HIS REVENGE, IS THERE?
KEH.
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU KNOW EVERY-THING, LITTLE GIRL.
BRAVE WORDS FROM A PERSON WHO'S BEEN BETRAYED BY THE VAMPIRE KING
LIKE I SAID, DON'T ACT LIKE YOU KNOW EVERY-THING.
SURE. THAT WAS A SHOCKER
BUT STRAUSS IS NOT THE SAME AS RENKA.
!?
IF STRAUSS' GOAL WAS TO AVENGE STELLA
THEN HE WOULD BE JUST LIKE RENKA.

HE ALWAYS HAS THE STENCH OF DESTRUCTION AROUND HIM.
YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING OTHER THAN REVENGE IN RENKA.
BUT RENKA AND STRAUSS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
BUT, STRAUSS
AND SOMETIMES I'D NOTICE HIM GAZING SADLY INTO THE DISTANCE.
HE SMILES NORMALLY, CRACKS JOKES
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE PAST.
BUT STRAUSS IS DIFFERENT FROM RENKA.
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...SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT BRIDGET LIED TO CONFUSE US?
IS A VERY DIFFERENT, PROFOUND, SOMETHING
THAT'S WHY I FEEL THAT WHAT STRAUSS IS STRIVING FOR
THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUTH
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TO BRIDGET, THAT'S THE TRUTH
NO, SHE COULDN'T HAVE TOLD A LIE WITH SUCH BITTERNESS
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, TRYING TO FORCE A CONFESSION FROM HIM?
EVERYONE HAS SECRETS THEY CAN'T REVEAL
WHO CARES ABOUT THE TRUTH!

I WILL FOLLOW STRAUSS.
THAT IS MY TRUTH.

I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING HIM FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS, AND I BELIEVE BRIDGET'S WORDS

.....
SUCH CONVICTION FROM A PERSON WHO'S BEEN WITH THE VAMPIRE KING FOR ONLY A FEW DECADES

HAVEN'T YOU INHERITED ALL THE MEMORIES OF THE PREVIOUS BLACK SWANS?
WHAT ABOUT YOURSELF?

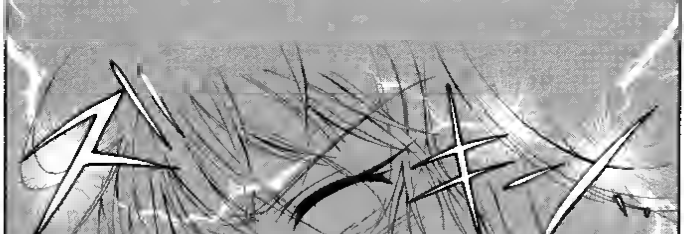
HOW SHAL-LOW...

WHAT ARE HIS FACIAL EX-PRESSIONS LIKE? WHAT ARE HIS EYES LIKE?
WHAT IS STRAUSS' APPEAR-ANCE?
IN THE MEMORIES OF THOSE 49 BLACK SWANS

.....
THAT IS YOUR TRUTH.

IF YOU KEEP RELYING ON OTHER PEOPLE
YOU'LL MAKE A FOOL OUT OF YOURSELF AGAIN BY LOSING YOUR COMPOSURE.
MY...
TRUTH ..
.....
THE MEMORIES OF THE 49 BLACK SWANS...
THE ONES WHO WERE KILLED BY AKABARA...

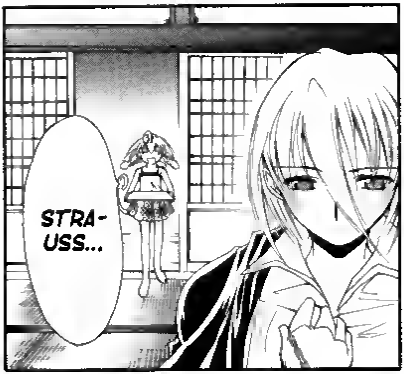
--THE VAMPIRE KING IS...
IF THESE MEMORIES ARE THE TRUTH, THEN THE VAMPIRE KING--
--WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?
AND WHEN HE KILLS THE GIRL POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN, HE ALWAYS HAS A SAD EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE?
THERE'S NO SHADOW OF HATRED IN HIS EYES?
HM? EVEN IN THE FIRST BLACK SWAN'S MEMORIES



...UH!!

--BUT JUST WHAT...
...LOOKS LIKE IT PUTS A LOT OF STRESS ON MY BODY IF I VIEW THEM ALL AT ONCE
...WORTHY OF THE MEMORIES OF THE 49 BLACK SWANS

ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO?
WHAT DID THE VAMPIRE KING DO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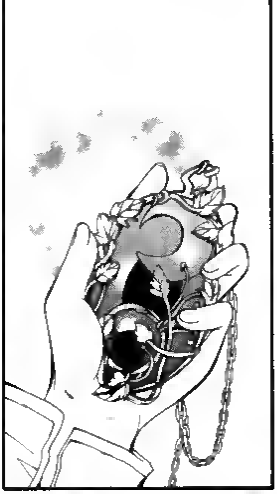

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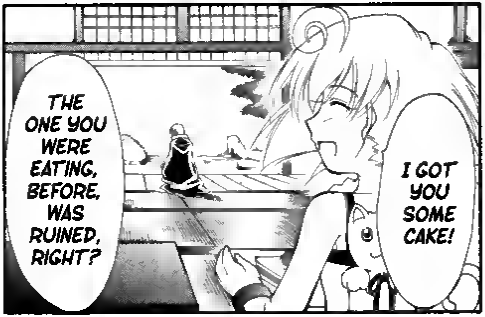
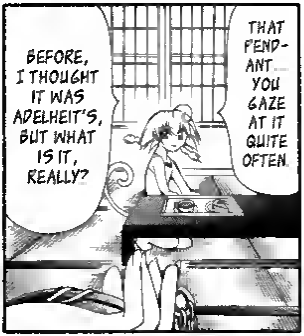

THE ONE YOU WERE EATING, BEFORE, WAS RUINED, RIGHT?
I GOT YOU SOME CAKE!

...IT'S PROOF THAT ADELHEIT KILLED STELLA...


BEFORE, I THOUGHT IT WAS ADELHEIT'S, BUT WHAT IS IT, REALLY?
THAT PENDANT... YOU GAZE AT IT QUITE OFTEN.

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME WHAT REALLY HAPPENED
IT WAS ORIGINALLY MY PRESENT TO STELLA
HMM.
BUT I'LL STILL FOLLOW YOU, STRAUSS
...DO AS YOU WISH
YOU MAY SUFFER THE SAME FATE, LETY
I BETRAYED THE GIRL WHO WAS WITH ME TILL THE VERY END
LET ME JUST WARN YOU THAT I ONCE PIERCED THE CHEST OF MY PRECIOUS DAUGHTER, BRIDGET, WITH THESE HANDS

YOU'D BETTER TAKE CARE OF YOUR SLEEP-TALK
SOME TIME AGO, WHILE YOU WERE TOSSING IN YOUR SLEEP
YOU KEPT APOLO-GIZING TO BRIDGET
NOW I KNOW THE REASON
.....
ANYWAY, THAT'S THAT!
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, JUST ASK!
GEEZ...
GUESS I REALLY HAVE GONE RUSTY.
--EVEN THEN

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THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

Story 12
Echo Round His Bones

AKA-BARA'S THE SAME AS YOU, RENKA!
WHAT IS MY REASON FOR FIGHT-ING?
CAN THE CURRENT YOU SMILE?
FROM INSIDE OF ME?
WHAT WAS TAKEN AWAY

Story 12 Echo Round His Bones

THAT MADDENING PAIN...
THAT SMELL, THAT SENSA-TION...
HOW CAN I FOR-GET...
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THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANY HESITA-TION RIGHT NOW.
I WILL KILL AKA-BARA...!!
YEAH... WHO CARES ABOUT WHAT THE TRUTH IS.

SMILE CHEERFULLY ONCE IN A WHILE.
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.
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DAMN IT
DAMN IT...
DAMN
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FUU-HAKU?
WHA...!!
KANA
IF IT ISN'T RENKA.
WELL, WELL
I'LL FIX YOU A MEAL ON THE HOUSE
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO SPARE, GRAB A SEAT

IT'S ABOUT TIME THE VAMPIRE KING WAKES UP
AND ALSO THE TIME WHEN I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN.
NIGHT HAS COME AGAIN.
BE A GOOD BOY WHILE I'M GONE
AND I'LL BUY A SMART RIBBON FOR YOU NEXT TIME.

IF IT'S REVENGE, THERE'S A LOT OF CONSIS-TENCY
IS HIS MOTIVE REALLY REVENGE, OR NOT
THE VAMPIRE KING'S SEARCH FOR HIS QUEEN--
BUT THEN...
THE MEMORIES OF THE BLACK SWAN...
DON'T POINT TOWARDS REVENGE.
THE MEMORIES I'VE IN-HERITED...

UH...
UGH...
AT THIS RATE, THE SITUATION WILL ONLY GET MORE AND MORE COMPLICATED.
SO THEN
WHAT IS THE VAMPIRE KING'S TRUE MOTIVE?
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HM...
BY THE LOOKS OF IT YOU SEEM TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE.
ALL THANKS TO YOU.
MY BODY HAS HEALED AND ABOUT 30% OF MY MAGIC HAS BEEN RESTO-RED.
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU SEEN LETY?
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN THE MANSION.
I SEE.
THEN I GUESS I CAN LOOSEN UP A BIT NOW.
THE CHILD WAS SO DISGUSTED BY YOUR INSINCERITY THAT SHE LEFT HERE.
..THAT WAS A JOKE.

LETY WORKS VERY SINCERELY WITHOUT ME EVEN ASKING HER TO
ONCE THEY'RE DONE SHE'LL BE BACK.
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ACTUALLY, SHE'S WITH BRIDGET, WHO CALLED MY GRANDFATHER OUT
IT'S NOT LIKE I ASKED FOR FOLLOWERS
DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD TREAT HER BETTER?
.. SHE'S YOUR ONLY FOLLOWER, YOU KNOW?
AT THAT TIME, IF I WISHED FOR IT
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IF I HATED LONELINESS, I WOULDN'T HAVE CAST ASIDE MY KINGDOM AND MY SUBJECTS.

I COULD HAVE HAD BRIDGET BY MY SIDE
AND ALL THE DHAMPIRS BEHIND ME.
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU?
THE ONLY ONE I WANTED BY MY SIDE
WAS STELLA.
EVEN IF I LIE TO MYSELF, AND TRY TO FILL THE VOID WITH MY KINGDOM, MY PEOPLE OR EVEN MY PRECIOUS DAUGHTER
MY LOSS WOULD ONLY BECOME MORE APPARENT.
THERE'S NOTHING IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE THAT CAN TAKE HER PLACE.

NO MATTER HOW FRUIT-LESS IT SEEMS
IT'S SO MUCH EASIER ON ME TO YEARN FOR LONELINESS AND RE-VENGE
WHEN I MET STELLA
I FOUND MY TRUE SELF, BEYOND THE GENERAL, KING AND VAMPIRE I WAS.
I HAD MY VERY OWN MOON WITHIN REACH.
ITS RADIANCE, I CAN NEVER FORGET
AND THE DARKNESS FROM ITS LOSS, I AM TORMENTED BY.
IF
I HAD NEVER MET STELLA
I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE PROTECTED MY KINGDOM AND SUBJECTS TILL THE END.

I MIGHT HAVE SACRIFICED MYSELF TO SAVE MY BRETHREN
I MAY HAVE REMAINED THE SIMPLE INSTRUMENT I WAS, THE 'KING', PROTECTOR OF ALL...
BUT THE FACT IS, I DID MEET STELLA.
WHO WAS THEN SNATCHED FROM ME
AND EVEN OUR CHILD INSIDE OF HER WAS MURDERED.
MURDERED BY THE ONE I CALLED MY QUEEN FOR TEN YEARS.
THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD REMAIN BEING A HEARTLESS INSTRUMENT ANY LONGER...

THE VAMPIRE KING'S TRUE GOAL REALLY IS REVENGE...?
SO IT SEEMS
AH. BUT WHAT'S IN MY HEART DOESN'T MATTER.
.....
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT.
.....!
IN FACT IT'S MORE AMUSING FOR ME IF YOU'RE CONFUSED.

.....
IT'S NOT HEALTHY TO BE COOPED UP IN THE HOUSE FOR SO LONG
TO THINK THAT A SINGLE RIPPLE IN THE TRUTH WOULD CAUSE US SO MUCH CONFUSION
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE CLEARLY AT AN ADVANTAGE HERE
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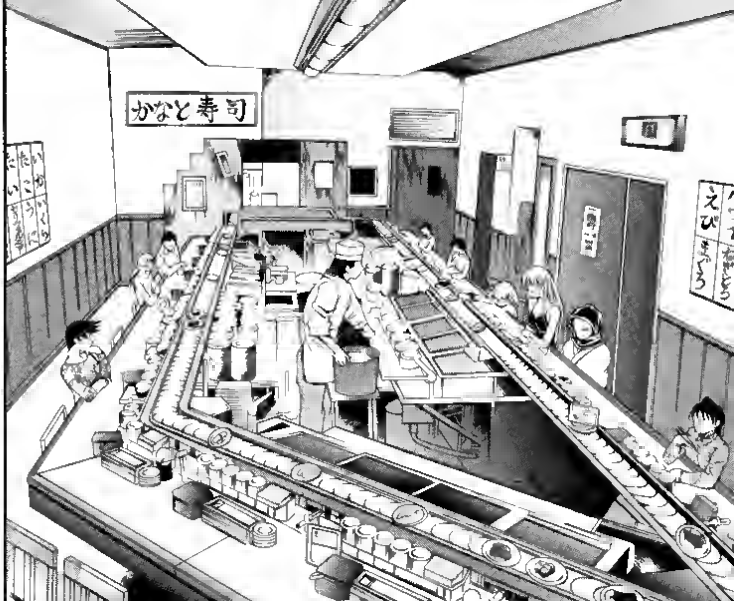
HM?
HOW ABOUT IT, KAYUKI
WHY DON'T WE HAVE DINNER OUTSIDE FOR A CHANGE?
I HEAR THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT SHOPS IN TOWN.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LADY BRIDGET
WHY DID YOU CALL ME OUT TO SUCH AN ECCENTRIC PLACE?
THOSE ARE STRANGE WORDS COMING FROM A MAN WEARING AN ECCENTRIC MASK.
IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT'S WIERD ENOUGH TO COME WEARING A MASK YOU CAN'T EAT THROUGH
AH! HERE COMES THE EEL!
YUM! ♡

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BUT I MUST COMMEND YOU
IT'S QUITE AN ACHIEVEMENT TO FULLY WITHDRAW THAT LARGE AN ARMY IN JUST TWO NIGHTS
I EVEN THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO LEAVE A SPY SATELLITE IN A COWARDLY MANNER.
BUT YOU BEAT MY EXPECTATIONS BY REMOVING THEM LIKE A TRUE GENTLEMAN
SO WE DECIDED TO MEET YOUR DEMANDS AS BEST AS WE COULD
IN ORDER TO FACE THE COMING CALAMITY, WE NEEDED YOUR CO-OPERATION AT ALL COSTS.
WE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE A MISTAKE AND UPSET YOU.
AHA...
VERY DOCILE, AREN'T WE.
ANYTHING OTHER THAN OUR THREAT ON YOUR MIND?

APPARENTLY THEY DON'T WANT ADELHEIT TO BE KILLED BY STRAUSS
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IT'S ALSO TOUGH FOR THEM NOW THAT THE BLACK SWAN IS UNFOCUSED
I SEE.
Heh
SO THE REASON YOU'RE EXTENSIVELY SEARCHING FOR THE SEAL'S LOCATION
IS BECAUSE YOU NEED THE MOONLIGHT OF CORROSION'S POWERS.
.....
UNCLE, ONE LARGE CRAB SOUP, PLEASE.
COMING RIGHT UP.
-BUT THIS GIRL
WHY DOES SHE STICK WITH STRAUSS?
WAS SHE COAXED INTO IT BY STRAUSS?

THREE PLATES OF UNI COMING RIGHT UP!!
I'LL HAVE THREE PLATES OF UNI (SEA URCHIN)
...?
THAT'S RIGHT, HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A SWEET TALKER
I NEED THE VAMPIRE KING AND QUEEN
THE REASON WHY...
IT'S A LITTLE TOO EARLY FOR THIS, BUT I'LL TELL YOU MY TRUE INTENTION
...BUT BEFORE THAT, DO TELL ME ONE THING.
AND WHY I DARED NOT TELL YOU THE REASON EARLIER

TO BEGIN WITH
JUST WHAT ARE VAMPIRES?
WHEN HUMANS THINK OF VAMPIRES, WHAT COMES TO MIND IS A MONSTER
IM-MORTAL BEINGS IN HUMAN FORM WITH SUPER-NATURAL POWERS
WHO SUCK HUMAN BLOOD WITH THEIR FANGS
ARE AFRAID OF THE CROSS
AND PERISH IN SUNLIGHT.
BUT FROM THE STORIES I HEAR FROM KAYUKI AND FROM WHAT I SEE
YOUR KIND ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU'RE MADE OUT TO BE.
HMPH...
EVEN SO, IT'S NOT COMPLE-TELY OFF TANGENT.

A PURE BLOODED WOULD NORMALLY TURN TO DUST IN AN INSTANT WHEN EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT.
EVEN THE MIXED RACE OF DHAMPIRS
WOULD HAVE THEIR POWERS AND MOVEMENT DRASTICALLY RESTRICTED UNDER THE SUN.
SO HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE CROSS, THEN?
JUST A NORMAL CROSS IS POWERLESS
BUT THE SHAPE OF THE CROSS
IS THE MOST SUITABLE FORM TO STORE THE SPIRIT POWER TO INJURE A VAMPIRE.
IT'S BEEN USED IN WEAPONS AND SHIELDS SINCE ANCIENT TIMES
IT'S JUST THAT ONLY THE APPEARANCE HAS REMAINED IN HUMAN LEGENDS.

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ONE THING, LETY
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO US?
YEAH, YEAH, I'M LISTENING

OOH, MANGO PUDDING. ♡
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HM...?
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HERE'S YOUR BEER
GEEZ.

MAN'S BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION IS THE 'BLOOD-SUCKING' PART.

AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE DHAMPIR
NOR A VAMPIRE WHO HAS SUCKED A HUMAN'S BLOOD
WE DON'T HAVE ANY URGE TO SUCK BLOOD
NEITHER DO WE NEED HUMAN BLOOD TO LIVE.
寿司

EVEN AKABARA, WHO'S NOW YOUR CAPTIVE
HASN'T ASKED FOR BLOOD, HAS HE?
TRUE.
EVEN DURING THE DAYS OF THE NIGHT MONARCHY
BIG!
NOT A SINGLE HUMAN IN THE ENEMY NATIONS FEARED US FOR THAT.
SO THE PART ON BLOOD-SUCKING WAS MADE UP BY THE LATER GENERATIONS?
YUM!
...BY LOOKING AT THE FANGS WE SPROUT
EVER SINCE THE MOONLIGHT OF CORROSION'S FRENZY
HUMANS BECAME EXTREMELY FEARFUL OF VAMPIRES
AND SPREAD THE VIEW OF US AS BLOOD-SUCKERS

YOU'RE CAPABLE OF BLOOD-SUCKING, YET YOU DON'T SUCK BLOOD?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S STRANGE?
BUT I CAN'T SAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT BEING FEARED FOR BLOOD-SUCKING IS BASELESS
AS IT'S A FACT THAT OUR FANGS ARE CAPABLE OF SUCKING BLOOD
IT'S A LOT LIKE THE APPENDIX YOU FIND IN HUMAN BODIES
AND IT'S JUST THAT THE ABILITY REMAINED IN THEIR DESCENDANTS
HOWEVER AS THEY EVOLVED AS A SPECIES, THEY LOST THE NEED FOR IT
APPARENTLY, TEN THOUSAND YEARS AGO VAMPIRES LIVED OFF BLOOD
ALTHOUGH HUMANS AND DHAMPIRS AREN'T IN A VERY AMIABLE RELATIONSHIP
YOU CAN'T SAY WE'RE AT CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER, EITHER
I UNDERSTAND YOUR DOUBT
BUT LET'S LOOK AT THE FACTS

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COEXISTENCE WON'T BE EASY.
BUT EVEN IF YOU DON'T SUCK BLOOD, YOUR ABILITIES ARE A THREAT.
IF IT HELPS, WE HAVE HUMAN BLOOD IN OUR VEINS TOO
THERE'S NO REASON TO FIGHT.
HOWEVER, ALLOW ME TO CONFIRM ONE THING.
I HEAR THERE IS A WAY FOR A DHAMPIR TO BECOME HUMAN.
IS THERE?

THERE IS.
AND THAT, IS THE SOLE BURNING DESIRE OF ALL DHAMPIRS.
FOR THAT SINGLE STRAND OF HOPE, WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE FIGHTING.
I AM AWARE THAT COEXISTENCE WOULD BE DIFFICULT.
HOWEVER, IF WE WERE TO BE ON LEVEL WITH HUMANS, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
OR ARE YOU TOO NARROW-MINDED TO ACCEPT DHAMPIRS WHO'VE BECOME HUMAN?
A MEAL OF SUSHI WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT RAMEN!
当店自慢
AT ANY RATE
WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT EACH-OTHER

REST ASSURED
IT'S IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS
SUP-POSING THIS IS ALL TRUE
WON'T HUMANS BE AT A DISAD-VANTAGE HERE?
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THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING.
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BUT, OF COURSE
SPEAK WHAT'S IN THAT MIND OF YOURS
DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY, I JUST MIGHT CHOOSE TO REDUCE YOUR LIFE SPAN, AGAIN.

HAVE A GOOD DEAL FOR THE BOTH OF US.
OF COURSE, I TOO
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO HOSTILE.
I BET THEY ALL RUN AWAY IN FRIGHT.
WHAT'S THE DEAL SETTING UP A SHOP WEARING THAT
AS LONG AS THE CURIOUS ONES STOP BY, I DON'T MIND.
IT'S ONLY A PASTIME.

A HARD-HEADED REALIST LIKE YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND MY PAIN.
YOU'RE LOOKING BLUE.
HAD QUITE A SHOCK, EH?
.....
WHAT ON EARTH
AM I DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
AH...
HERE IT IS.
...NOT AGAIN!

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AKA-
BARA!!
LET'S NOT BE HASTY.
KUH !!
IS IT ALRIGHT TO CROSS SWORDS WITHOUT BRIDGET'S APPROVAL?

VAMPIRE KING
...DID YOU KNOW THIS BEFORE COMING?
FUU-HAKU
YOU'RE INTRODUCED HERE AS A STALL FOR THE FOOD EXPERTS
パリ!
IN SFITE OF THAT YOU'RE NOT TOO POPULAR
I DIDN'T EXPECT RENKA TO BE HERE, THOUGH
IT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE
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HOW ABOUT IT, RENKA?
NOW THAT WE'RE HERE

WHY DON'T WE SETTLE OUR DUEL, ONE-ON-ONE?

THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

Story 13
Who Goes There?

AKABARA'S COME TO SETTLE HIS DUEL WITH RENKA?
AKABARA'S MAGIC IS AT 30% OF HIS NORMAL LEVEL.
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE OF RENKA WINNING.
THE BLACK SWAN SHOWS NO SIGN OF STOPPING THEM
WHAT'S THE SITUA-TION?
HMM
BUT WOULD HIS EXCELLENCY APPROVE OF THIS?
I DON'T MIND.
.....

Story 13 Who Goes There?
EITHER WAY, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN STOP THEM ON YOUR OWN.
LET RENKA DO AS HE PLEASES.

IF RENKA KILLS AKABARA, WOULDN'T IT COMPLICATE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS EXCELLENCY?
...BUT THEN
DON'T WORRY, IT WON'T END UP THE WAY YOU THINK IT WILL
REPORT TO ME ONCE IT'S SETTLED.
AKABARA ISN'T THAT WEAK
EVEN SO...
I BET HE COULD MAKE IT THROUGH WITH JUST 20% OF HIS MAGIC
AKABARA... SO THAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE.
THEN IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE TAKING IT EASY ANYMORE.

MY GRAND-FATHER WILL TAKE CARE OF IT
EVEN IF ONE OR TWO BUILDINGS WERE TO BE DES-TROYED
SO PLEASE, FIGHT TO YOUR HEART'S DESIRE
THIS AREA IS A NEARLY-DESERTED OFFICE DISTRICT AT NIGHT
GO AHEAD AND TRY.
...HMPH
HEY, BLACK SWAN
IT'S OKAY TO KILL AKABARA, RIGHT?

WILL DELIVER THE FATAL BLOW.
A SINGLE STROKE OF MY SPIRIT SWORD

AKABARA'S MAGIC HASN'T FULLY REGENERATED.

RESIDE IN MY HANDS!!

KIN-YOU!!
KOR-YUU!!

...WILL THAT BLADE
EVEN REACH ME?
LET'S STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.
EITHER WAY...
THIS IS ALL I HAVE LEFT.
SWORDS !!

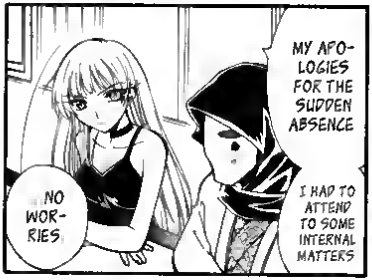
OBEY
MY
SPIRIT
POWER
!!
NOT
YET!!

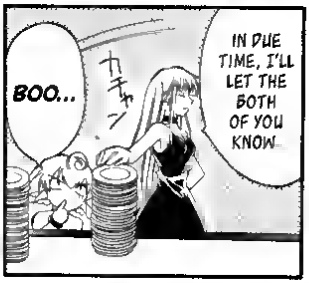
AKA-BARA!!
DISAP-PEAR FROM MY SIGHT!!
SO IT'S BEGUN...
A WAY FOR DHAMPIRS TO BECOME HUMAN?

I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD THAT FROM STRAUSS, BEFORE
THERE'S NO SUCH THING IF THE KING DOESN'T KNOW
IT'S JUST A BLUFF TO FORCE YOU TO LOWER YOUR GUARD.
SOMETHING THAT VIXEN WOULD DO.
IF I'M A VIXEN, THEN YOU MUST BE A PIGLET
AH!?
I'LL EVEN BET MY LIMITED SPECIAL PUDDING ON IT!!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!
AFTER EATING THIS MUCH, EVEN A CAT LIKE YOU WILL TURN INTO A PIG
UGH

HMPH.
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO CONFUSE ME, AREN'T YOU?
AS YOU WISH.

IT'S NO SURPRISE AKABARA DIDN'T TELL YOU THAT
SINCE IT'S NOT A VERY PLEASANT METHOD FOR HIM


MY APOLOGIES FOR THE SUDDEN ABSENCE
I HAD TO ATTEND TO SOME INTERNAL MATTERS
NO WORRIES.


IN DUE TIME, I'LL LET THE BOTH OF YOU KNOW
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BOO...

ALRIGHT.

WHY DO YOU REQUIRE AKABARA AND ADELHEIT'S POWERS?
OKAY THEN, TELL US

HUH?
IT'S TO RESOLVE A CERTAIN REAL-ESTATE PROBLEM.
TO PUT IT SIMPLY
YOU WANT TO BORROW STRAUSS' POWERS TO RESOLVE LAND AND PROPERTY TROUBLES?
HE'S THE STRONGEST BEING ON EARTH, YOU KNOW?
IT'S LIKE TRYING TO KILL A CATERPILLAR WITH A HYDROGEN BOMB
COME NOW, GM
REAL EST-ATE.
TO MAKE THIS EASIER TO SEE, LET'S USE A FEW MODELS.
YOU CAN SAY THAT
BUT THIS PROPERTY IS A VERY BIG ONE.
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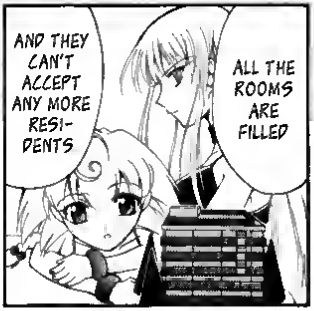
HERE IS THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION.
LET'S REPRESENT IT BY AN APARTMENT.

THESE ARE THE CURRENT RESIDENTS


ALL THE ROOMS ARE FILLED
AND THEY CAN'T ACCEPT ANY MORE RESI-DENTS

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A LARGE NUMBER OF HOPEFULS COME IN WAVES TO STAY AT THE APART-MENT

BUT THEN

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LET'S SEE...
FIRST...
WHAT WOULD YOU DO ABOUT THESE PEOPLE?
SO HERE'S THE DEAL IF YOU WERE A CURRENT RESIDENT
URYA.
AND ASK THEM TO FULL BACK, PEACE-FULLY.
WE'D TALK IT OUT
AND INSTEAD RETURN WITH A PROPO-SAL.
BUT THEN THEY REFUSE TO PULL OUT
INDEED
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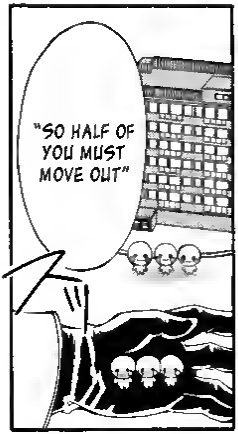
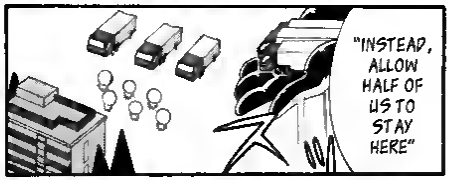
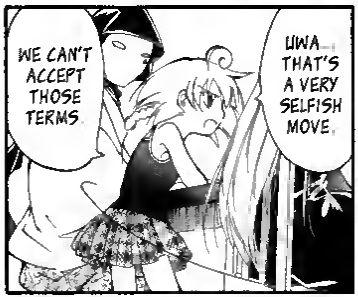
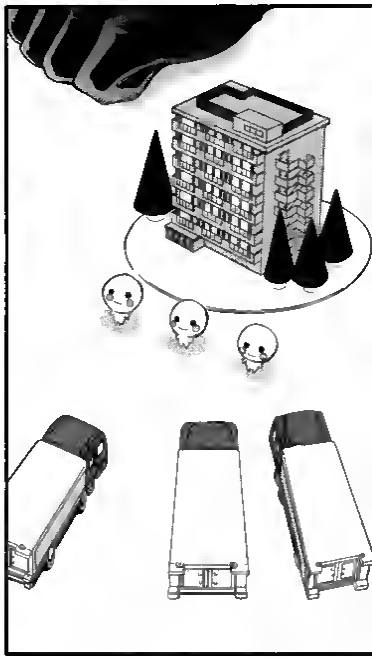

"SO HALF OF YOU MUST MOVE OUT"

"WE'LL SCRAP THE PLAN OF HAVING ALL OF US STAY IN THE APARTMENT"


"INSTEAD, ALLOW HALF OF US TO STAY HERE"


UWA... THAT'S A VERY SELFISH MOVE.
WE CAN'T ACCEPT THOSE TERMS.



ONCE WE BOW DOWN, THAT'S IT.
IN THE END ALL OF THE ROOMS WILL BE TAKEN OVER, WON'T IT?
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SO WE'LL RESIST TO THE BITTER END
AND DRIVE THEM OFF BY FORCE
トン。。
EVENTUALLY THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN
I'M HAPPY YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION
OUR WIN!!
IF THEY'RE CHASED OUT OF THE APARTMENT, THEY'D DIE INSTANTLY
FIRST OFF, IF HALF OF THE RESIDENTS MOVE OUT, THERE'S NO PLACE FOR THEM TO STAY
OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS THE IDEAL SETTLEMENT
HOWEVER, THE ENEMY COMES OUT WITH ONE OF THESE.

SO IT'S EITHER HALF, OR ZERO.
AND WE'LL ALL STAY IN THE APARTMENT, THEY SAY
IF YOU CAN'T ACCEPT OUR DEMANDS, WE'LL ELIMINATE ALL OF YOU
DOESN'T THE RESISTANCE HAVE ANY WEAPONS?
.....
NOW WHAT DO YOU DO?
BUT IF HALF OF THEM SURRENDER, EVENTUALLY THEY'LL ALL BE TAKEN OVER
THAT'S A PITIFUL WEAPON.
THE FACT IS, THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE.
IS SOMETHING OF THIS LEVEL
COMPARED TO THE ENEMY, ALL THEY CAN AMASS

YES.
THAT'S WHY.
I SEE.
SO THAT'S WHY.
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I'M SURE THERE ISN'T A WEAPON IN THE WORLD THAT CAN RIVAL THESE TWO
THE MOST POWERFUL BEING ON EARTH, THE KING
AND THE QUEEN, WHOSE CORROSIVE POWERS CAN EVEN DISPERSE LIGHT, ARE ESSENTIAL
TO RESIST AGAINST THE MASSIVELY STRONG RESIDENT HOPEFULS

MY PLAN IS
AND AFTER THAT
I'LL HAVE KAYUKI ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF THESE TWO.
TO DRIVE OFF THESE HOPEFULS WITH THE VAMPIRES' POWERS
YOU'RE A THOUSAND YEARS TOO EARLY TO OUTWIT STRAUSS
NOPE. IMPO-SSIBLE
DO YOU HONESTLY THINK HE'D OBEDIENTLY DRIVE THESE GUYS OFF FOR YOU?

DO YOU THINK THEY'D WORK TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY?
BESIDES, IT SEEMS THAT STRAUSS DESPISES ADELHEIT.
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IN FACT, HE'D USE THESE GUYS TO DEFEAT THE BLACK SWAN.
WE'LL BORROW THE DHAMPIRS' ASSIS-TANCE
WE WOULD NOT WANT THAT.
SO HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO...
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THERE'S NO WAY IT'LL GO AS YOU PLANNED
フン!
THAT'S TRUE
LADY BRIDGET.
.. WHICH IS THE CASE

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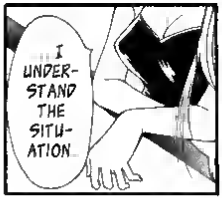
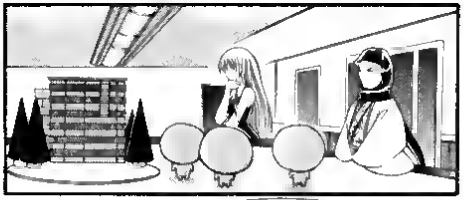
WE'LL MEET ALL YOUR DEMANDS AND TELL YOU ALL WE KNOW.
SO I HOPE YOU'LL COOPERATE WITH US IN RETURN.
FOR NOW, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE YOU AS AN ENEMY





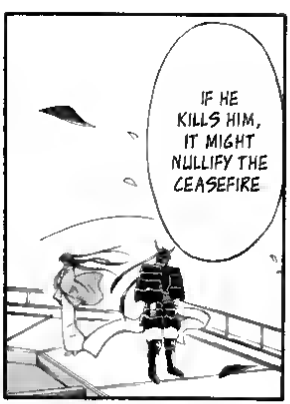
IT WON'T BE A FIGHT
IF YOU KEEP RUNNING AROUND LIKE THAT!
HAA!!

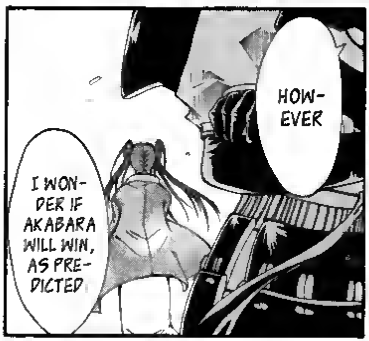
SO HE PLANS TO STAY ON THE DEFENCE TILL THE END
.....
BUT JUST BY WEAVING THROUGH THE NARROW GAPS IN BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS
DON'T THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM ME FOREVER
RETURN TO ME, SWORDS!!

IT'S ABOUT TIME
WE END THIS.
BLACK SWAN.
WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP AKA-BARA?

RIGHT NOW, THE VAMPIRE KING'S ACTIONS ARE IN MY INTERESTS, TOO.
THE CURRENT RENKA
WOULD PROBABLY CAUSE SOME KIND OF HAVOC IN THE FUTURE.
I'D LIKE TO AVOID ANY UN-FORSEEN EVENTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
THAT'S WHY IT'D BE BEST IF THE VAMPIRE KING DEFEATS HIM
EVEN THE VAMPIRE KING, IN ORDER TO REDUCE IRREGU-LARITIES IN HIS PLAN
CAME TO ELIMINATE JIN RENKA, I THINK
.....
DON'T WORRY.
THE VAMPIRE KING WON'T KILL JIN RENKA

MY GUESS IS THAT HE'LL PUT HIM IN A CONDITION INCAPABLE OF FIGHTING FOR ABOUT A WEEK.
THAT WOULDN'T BE GOOD FOR HIM, SINCE HIS MAGIC HAS NOT FULLY RECOVERED


IF HE KILLS HIM, IT MIGHT NULLIFY THE CEASEFIRE


I WONDER IF AKABARA WILL WIN, AS PREDICTED
HOWEVER

EVEN FOR US IT'LL BE COMPLICATED IF RENKA WERE TO CAUSE HAVOC

BRIDGET PROBABLY FORESAW THAT AND DIDN'T STOP THEM.

THEIR SKILLS ARE TOO FAR APART
...NO WORRIES

HE'LL GET TRAPPED IN A CORNER IF HE KEEPS DODGING
EVEN THOUGH HIS MAGIC HAS RECOVERED, HE'S BARELY CONTROLLING HIS FLIGHT

REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES HE SHEDS BLOOD
JIN RENKA WILL NEVER, IN HIS LIFE
EVER SURPASS THE VAMPIRE KING.
DANCE, SWORDS!!
SLICE AKABARA!!

HE CAN'T DEFEND HIMSELF PROPERLY, EITHER!!
I'VE CUT OFF HIS ESCAPE ROUTE!!
I'VE GOT HIM NOW...!!!

WHAT THE...
HE'S HOLDING KORYUU AND KINYOU!?

NO WAY
KUH
HOW DID HE GRAB THOSE TWO SWORDS, SPINNING AT SUCH A HIGH SPEED, AND USE THEM AS DEFENCE, INSTANTLY?
IT HAS TO BE A FLUKE! THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE PLANNED OUT SUCH A MOVE!
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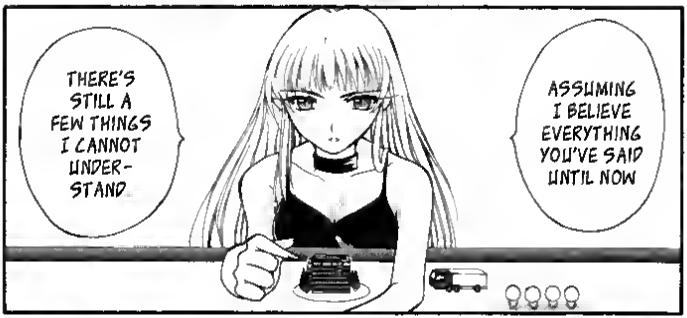
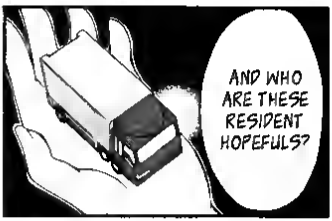
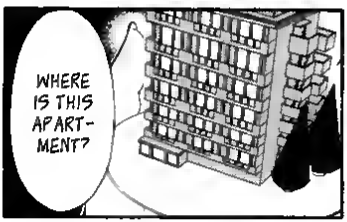
I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT
THAT THE CORE OF YOUR SWORDPLAY IS TOO ROUGH
WHA!?
THAT MAY BE A STRENGTH AT TIMES
BUT IT'S POWERLESS AGAINST REFINED SKILL
...SHUT UP.
LET'S SEE IF THERE'LL BE MORE FLUKES!!
ズム!
RENKA
LET ME TEACH YOU HOW TO USE A SWORD

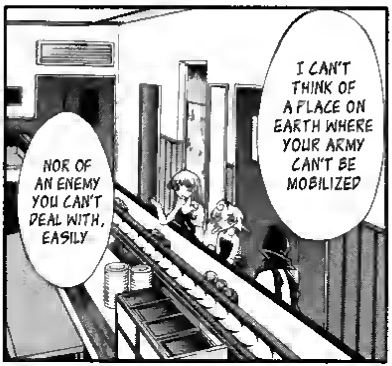
AND IN TURN
SHOW YOU OUR ABSOLUTE DIFFER-ENCE IN SKILL.


THERE'S STILL A FEW THINGS I CANNOT UNDER-STAND
ASSUMING I BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU'VE SAID UNTIL NOW


AND WHO ARE THESE RESIDENT HOPEFULS?


WHERE IS THIS APART-MENT?

NEITHER CAN I THINK OF AN ENEMY THAT CAN'T BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT THE HELP OF AKABARA AND ADELHEIT'S SUPERIOR MAGIC
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE THAT


I CAN'T THINK OF A PLACE ON EARTH WHERE YOUR ARMY CAN'T BE MOBILIZED
NOR OF AN ENEMY YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH, EASILY

NAME THE IDENTITY OF THIS ENEMY.
...IT'S NOT A CITY, NOR A COUNTRY.
A COUN-TRY?
IS IT A CITY UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUM-STANCES?
IT'S A STAR.

!!?
THIS APARTMENT IS THE PLANET WE ALL CALL HOME.
IT SYM-BOLIZES EARTH.
AND THESE RESIDENT HOPEFULS
ARE ALIENS FROM OUTER SPACE
HERE TO INVADE EARTH.

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MAJOR!
THE "THIRD WARNING TO EVA-CUATE" HAS JUST ARRIVED
MAJOR MORI-SHIMA.

IN THREE HOURS
THE STAR WILL FALL!!
TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN EXPECTED
WE'VE JUST SENT THE DETAILS OF THE "THIRD WARNING"
HE SAID TO COME IMMEDIATELY
...
WHAT ARE THE DIRECTIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY?
OH MAN.

IT'S ALL CELE-BRATIONS IF THE NEW YEAR COMES WITH THE OBON FESTIVAL
(FESTIVAL OF THE SOULS)
BUT HOW ABOUT WHEN ALIENS AND VAMPIRES COME OUT TOGETHER?

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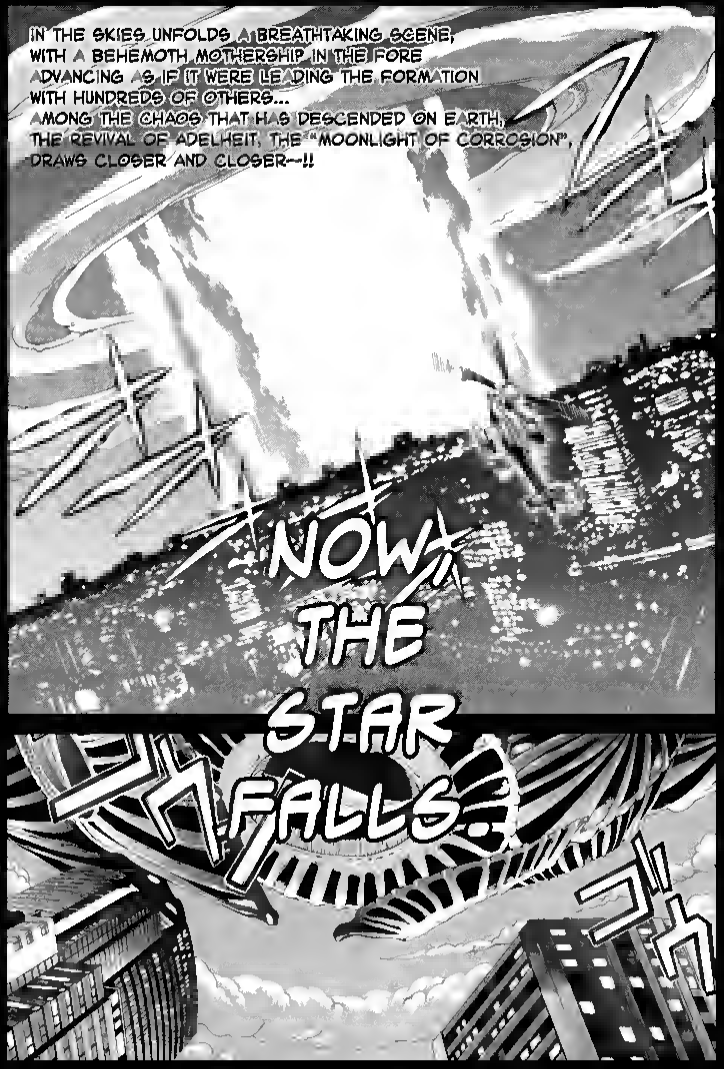
IN THE SKIES UNFOLDS A BREATHTAKING SCENE,
WITH A BEHEMOTH MOTHERSHIP IN THE FORE
ADVANCING AS IF IT WERE LEADING THE FORMATION
WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHERS...
AMONG THE CHAOS THAT HAS DESCENDED ON EARTH,
THE REVIVAL OF ADELHEIT, THE "MOONLIGHT OF CORROSION",
DRAWS CLOSER AND CLOSER--!!
NOW, THE STAR FALLS...!!

GUH
AS THE VARIOUS EXPECTATIONS OVERLAP
!?
THEY'LL START OFF BY ERADICATING ALL LIFE ON EARTH WITHOUT MERCY.
SO WHAT IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR PRECIOUS PERSON.
AND SO
THE STAR FALLS.

THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE CONTINUES IN VOLUME 4!!

Vampire Juuji Kai Volume 3 Ends! For some reason a lot of food shows up this time, making this a 'Vampire Culinary Adventure' It looks like they all have their own colorful dining lifestyles. I, personally, don't have any food dislikes, so I'd like to take up the challenge drawing all sorts of foods from now on.

"Eating" is an important thing... Lately, I've been lamenting over my irregular eating habits. Just recently I started cooking my own dinner after not doing so for a long time... And, yeah, there's nothing like home cooking! I'm relieved. I usually grab up a ready-made meal, but I really should get off my lazy ass and cook. From now on I'd like to eat a good breakfast and live a healthy lifestyle.

...As the plot thickens in complexity,
here I am wishing to see you again in Volume 4.

Kimura Yuri

Vampire Juuji Kai

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Yumura Sayaka-Sama

And all the readers

Author's Afterwords

AT ANY RATE, HERE I AM, SHIRODAIRA KYOU. WE'RE IN VOLUME 3 NOW.

IN THIS VOLUME, THE "TRUTH OF THE PAST" IS REVEALED TO US AS SEEN BY BRIDGET. THIS IS INDEED THE "TRUTH" THAT SHE EXPERIENCED AND SAW WITH HER OWN EYES.

HOWEVER, THIS IS NOTHING BUT HER OWN "TRUTH". JUST LIKE A "TROMPE L'OEIL", IN THE SAME MANNER OF BRAND'S NOVELS, WHEN PRESENTED WITH THE EXACT SAME FACT THAT "THE VAMPIRE KING ABANDONED HIS KINGDOM AND SET OUT TO RETRIEVE HIS QUEEN", IT'S POSSIBLE THAT A CHANGE IN POINT OF VIEW CAN REVEAL A DIFFERENT PICTURE AND A DIFFERENT CRIMINAL. NOW PONDER ON THIS. WHAT WOULD THE "TRUTH" BE WHEN SEEN FROM THE EYES OF THE OTHER CHARACTERS WHO EXPERIENCED THE PAST. ADELHEIT, STELLA AND STRAUSS.

AND SO, AS THE MYSTERY OF "WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST?" GRADUALLY TAKES FORM, THE "INVADERS FROM OUTER SPACE" FINALLY MAKE THEIR GRAND ENTRANCE IN THE NEXT VOLUME. THEN, THE QUESTION OF "WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?" WILL ALSO START REVEALING AN ANSWER.

THIS STORY HAS NOW BEGUN TO PICK UP MOMENTUM, FAST. NOW THEN, WHERE IS IT HEADING AND HOW WILL IT REACH IT'S DESTINATION? THAT'S THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION.

ANYHOW, I PRAY WE'LL GET TO MEET AGAIN IN VOLUME 4.

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(SHIRODAIRA KYOU)

THERE IS A THING CALLED "TROMPE L'OEIL". YOU KNOW, THE KIND OF PAINTINGS WHICH TRANSFORM INTO A TOTALLY DIFFERENT ONE IF YOU CHANGE YOUR VIEWPOINT VERY SLIGHTLY. WHAT LOOKS LIKE A VASE, SUDDENLY LOOKS LIKE TWO PEOPLE FACING EACH OTHER. A RABBIT SUDDENLY LOOKS LIKE A DUCK. AND WHAT YOU THINK IS A YOUNG WOMAN, SUDDENLY TURNS INTO AN OLD WOMAN. THERE ARE MANY OTHER PAINTINGS OF THIS SORT, WHICH ARE FRANKLY AMUSING, BUT AT THE SAME TIME ALSO TEACHES US THAT OUR ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE OBJECTS IS A MYSTERIOUS AND UNRELIABLE THING.

AMONG THE BRITISH MYSTERY WRITERS, CHRISTIANNA BRAND, IS ONE OF THEM. HER MASTERPIECES INCLUDE "DEATH OF JEZEBEL", "GREEN FOR DANGER", "TOUR DE FORCE", AS WELL AS THE COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES, "BUFFET FOR UNWELCOME GUESTS".

IN THIS WRITER'S WORKS, ALL OF THE SUSPECTS WILL, AT LEAST ONCE, BE CONVICTED AS THE CRIMINAL FROM THE SAME SET OF EVIDENCES OF THE SAME CASE WITH A VERY CONVINCING REASONING AND TRICK BEHIND THE CRIME. NOTABLY IN "DEATH OF JEZEBEL", ALL THE SUSPECTS START CONFESSING THAT THEY ARE THE CRIMINAL (AND IT'S ONCE WE'RE THROUGH TO THE LAST SEVENTY PAGES, FOR TEN OR SO PAGES, THAT THE TRUE CRIMINAL IS SUDDENLY SINGLED OUT).

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Vampire Juuji Kai Volume 3 Ends!! As I finished up this chapter I realized that I wrote my comments in Volume 2 about 20 months ago Yes, that IS a very long time ago Two words say it all Life issues. Anyway, this chapter marks the beginning of, technically, everything till the end Coincidentally (or maybe not), VJK has just ended in Japan and we're waiting for the final Volume 9 to come out on April 21st 2007 Since that's the case we obviously need to speed up Coincidentally (again) my decision to concentrate on life for the past 2 years has paid off, so now I can afford to spend more time on VJK. This means VJK releases will be more regular Hard to believe, eh? By the way, this chapter took about 26 solid hours to complete, over the span of a week. How many hours of anime is that? Yeah, trick question, 26 hours Even so, although it may get licensed soon, I'm looking at finishing VJK by the end of the year, so I'm counting on your support to help me on this journey And, yeah, don't forget to tell your friends about the wonders of VJK.

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